

### Absence of the Chief Minister

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SRI K. PRABHAKAR.—He is not well.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—This is not the way the Minister should cajole the arms of the Member. They must know their responsibilities. You must pull them. I am very sorry, the Chair is showing leniency to the Ministers.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—Please be calm...

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I am calm but the Ministers should not take things easily in this House.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—Ministers must be calmer...

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I want to know whether the Hon'ble Chief Minister had sent any sick note to-day or any letter I would also like to say that the yesterdays's ruling was given on the technical ground. I bow my head to the ruling given by the Chair. But I would like to submit that, as far as my information is concerned, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has participated in the function on that day at Bangalore. The whole of the day he was in Bangalore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has misled the House by giving false information. That question has not been considered by the the Chair. I am not questioning the ruling of the Chair.

SRI P. N. REDDY.—I rise on a point of order. The Hon'ble Speaker has given the ruling yesterday. I don't think the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition has got any right to question the validity of that ruling. Therefore, I request the Chair not to give room for the discussion on that matter.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I am not questioning the ruling given by the Chair. I am only seeking a clarification from the Chair. i. e. after the matter was raised in this House, whether the Hon'ble Speaker has called for any explanation from the Chief Minister or whether the

Hon'ble Chief Minister has written to the Hon'ble Speaker after the matter was discussed in this House. On that particular day, whether he left for Bombay by 1-30 or 2 O'Clock before the House resumed or afterwards.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—I rise on a point of order. The ruling is given on a matter in issue. Now whether the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition could raise again and again certain things on the same matter that has already been decided. He is now speaking in vacuum when there is no subject available for him and for the House. I appeal to the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition that let him not speak in vacuum when there is no issue before the House.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I have got a right to bring to the notice of the Chair if the points raised by me have not been taken note of by the Chair. Supposing in the ruling, the point which we have raised is not answered or if no finding is given on that point raised by me, then, what is the way out? Therefore it will be my duty to bring to the notice of the Chair and seek a clarification from him, if possible. I also know if the Chair feels it otherwise, the Chair is not bound to give clarification.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—Under what rule you are seeking a clarification when ruling has already been given by the Chair?

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I am raising it in Zero Hour. If there is no ruling on the points raised by us, then what is the way out, I would like to know.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The way-out is you have to wait for other opportunities.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.—Are you suggesting that to-day also we should move a privilege motion?

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I would have been very happy if the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself had voluntarily written to the Hon'ble Speaker explaining under what circumstances he could not attend the House. After the matter was discussed in the House; that would have been the correct way. Otherwise, my humble suggestion is that an opportunity should have been given to the Hon'ble Chief Minister before the ruling was given to explain the position. What we said goes unchallenged.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—It again amounts to the conduct of the Hon'ble Speaker. He was telling that the Chair should have given a ruling or the Chair could have asked the Hon'ble Chief Minister to explain the position, etc. This amounts to again going back to the issue which has already been decided. That subject is not available to you for discussion. This is my plea.

**SRI S. R. BOMMAI.**—We said so many things against the Hon'ble Chief Minister and raised the question of privilege. In propriety, he should have been given an opportunity. The Members of this House should know why he absented himself. That is my submission. The Chair may or may not accept my suggestion but it may be for future guidance of the House including the Chair.

9-30 A. M.

Sir, in normal course, the Chair should have given an opportunity to the Chief Minister and if proper explanation was given I would have withdrawn the Privilege Motion. I would not have pressed for it. If the Chief Minister had given a convincing answer I would not have pressed for it and there would have been no occasion to give ruling on this point. I am taking it because the conduct of the Chief Minister made me to raise this question again today. When a question concerning the Chief is taken up, the Chief is absent and there is no proper explanation forthcoming from the Government. I say it is a deliberate mistake on the part of the Government also to show disregard to this August House including the Chair. This cannot be tolerated. The Chair has to take care of such repetition and protect the rights of the Members of this House. It is the Chair which can protect the rights of the Members. After the ruling is given by the Chair, the Chief Minister should have been diligent. Of course, he has got equal rights. But at the same time as Leader of the House he should guide the proceedings of this House in an exemplary manner so that new comers may follow him and give lead to this House as well as to the entire State.

**SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.**—He has given lead for 6 years.

**SRI S. R. BOMMAI.**—He has given lead and that leadership has been questioned many a time by my friend Mr. Basavalingappa. If you turn the pages of records you will find what he said had reflected on the leadership. I do not want to repeat it.

Sir, my short question is, I would like to impress upon the Chair if this kind of conduct is repeated by the Leader of the House and by other Ministers I want to know how the proceedings of this House could be conducted in a purposeful manner. I would like to know from the Chair whether it has got power to summon a Minister or not? Sir, there are conventions of this House and also in Parliament wherein the Chair has pulled the Ministers particularly when they are absent without assigning any valid reasons. A number of instances I would quote from the Parliamentary proceedings and also from the authorised books. Sir, therefore, I urge upon the

the Speaker if this is the way they are treating us you should come to our help and protect the rights of the Members of the House and conduct the proceedings in a honourable and purposeful way.

MR. SPEAKER.—I have already said when the House is in Session the business of the House should receive the highest priority from the hands of the Ministers. Dignity of the House and courtesy demand that while the House is in Session the Ministers should be present in the House as far as possible.

Further, I have appealed to all the Ministers to see that they are present in the House whenever their business comes before the House and as often as possible on other occasions. I have also impressed upon the Government Whip to see that no room is given for complaints regarding absence of Ministers in the House in future. I think it in the interest of conducting business of this House. The Hon'ble Minister will convey the feelings of the Members to the Government and avoid such complaints from the Members.

Papers to be laid today by the Chief Minister is postponed.

### CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

*re-Non-functioning of bore wells in Periyapatna Taluk.*

SRI K. S. KALAMARIGOWDA (Periyapatna).—I call the attention of the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to the hardship caused to the people of Periyapatna Taluk due to non-functioning of Bore wells.

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development):—Sir, I wish to make the following Statement.—

ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಪಿರಿಯಾಪಟ್ಟಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ೧೮೭ (ಹ್ಯಾಂಜ್ರೆಟ್ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು ಬಿಟ್ಟು) ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು ಇವೆ. ಇದುವರೆವಿಗೂ ೨೮೮ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ (ಹ್ಯಾಂಜ್ರೆಟ್ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿ) ೨೭೫ ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೋಡಿಸಿದ್ದು ಈ ಪೈಕಿ ೨೬೮ ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೈಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಉಳಿದ ೭ ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೈಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಲು ತ್ವರಿತ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

(೧) ಕೈಪಂಪುಗಳು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿರುವ ೨೬೮ ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ೯೩ ಭಾವಿಗಳ ಕೈಪಂಪುಗಳು ಕೆಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗಿದ್ದು ಇದುವರೆವಿಗೂ ೬೩ ಕೈಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಉಳಿದ ೩೦ ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಗಳ ಕೈಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಪಡಿಸಲು ಜರೂರು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

(೨) ಪಿರಿಯಾಪಟ್ಟಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ೧೦ನೇ ಮೇ ೧೯೭೮ ರಿಂದ ೨ನೇ ಜೂನ್ ೧೯೭೮ರ ವರೆಗೆ ೪ ಶೀಘ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊರೆಯುವ ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಯಂತ್ರಗಳು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿವೆ. ಈ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯ (ಎಮ್. ಎನ್. ಪಿ) ಪಟ್ಟಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ೧೪೮ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಒದಗಿಸ ಬೇಕಾದ್ದು ಇವುಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಇದುವರೆವಿಗೂ ೧೪೫ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಉಳಿದ ಇನ್ನೂ ೩ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಂದರೆ (೧) ಕೆ. ಬ್ಯಾಡರಹಳ್ಳಿ (೨) ಗೌಳೀಪುರ ಮತ್ತು